

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A relay unit comprising:

a plurality of relays;

a plurality of fuses; and

a power supply bus bar configured to supply current to said plurality of relays;

wherein each of said relays includes a pair of switch connecting bus bars between which a relay switch element is intervened and a pair of coil connecting bus bars between which a relay coil element is intervened,

wherein one of said switch connecting bus bars is formed with a downstream fuse connector portion to which each of said fuses is electrically coupled and a relay terminal configured to be electrically coupled to a connector, and

wherein said downstream fuse connector portion and said relay terminal protrude in directions opposed to one another,

wherein the downstream fuse connector portion and the relay terminal are disposed substantially in the same plane.

3. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

the other one of said switch connecting bus bars and said pair of coil connecting bus bars are formed with relay terminals to be electrically connected to relevant connectors, respectively.

4. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

said power supply bus bar is located at an inner surface of a unit case.

5. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

said power supply bus bar is formed with an upstream fuse connector portion; and said downstream fuse connector portion formed on said one of said switch connecting bus bars and said upstream fuse connector portion formed on said power supply bus bar are located in an opposed relationship to form a pair of fuse connector components.

6-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

said plurality of relays are connected to said respective fuses without wires.

14. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

each of said plurality of relays is configured to be physically connected to one of said respective fuses.

15. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, further comprising:
an electrically conductive trimmer joint portion disposed between some of said
pair of switch connecting bus bars and said pair of coil connecting bus bars.

16. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:
said pair of switch connecting bus bars and said pair of coil connecting bus bars
are configured to be variably connected to each other.

17. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:
said relay unit is configured to allow a variety of relay circuit patterns to be
formed.

18. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:
each of said plurality of relays is configured to allow a variety of relay circuit
patterns to be formed.

19. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:
said relay terminal is configured to supply power to its respective relay.

20. (Previous Presented) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:
said plurality of relays are configured to be variably connected to each other.

21. (New) The relay unit according to claim 2, wherein:

each of the pair of switch connecting bus bars and the pair of coil connecting bus bars does not include any portion of a printed circuit board.